



LAHIVE
&
COCKFIELD
L L P

COUNSELLORS AT LAW
28 STATE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109-1784
TELEPHONE (617) 227-7400
FAX (617) 742-4214
lc@lahcoc.com

JOHN A. LAHIVE, JR. (1928-1997)
THOMAS V. SMURZYNSKI
RALPH A. LOREN
GIULIO A. DeCONTI, JR.
ANN LAMPORT HAMMITTE
ELIZABETH A. HANLEY
AMY BAKER MANDRAGOURAS
ANTHONY A. LAURENTANO
KEVIN J. CANNING
JANE E. REMILLARD
JEANNE M. DIGIORGIO
DEBRA J. MILASINCIC, Ph.D.
NICHOLAS P. TRIANO, III
CHI SUK KIM
DAVID J. RIKKERS
DAVID R. BURNS
JOHN S. CURRAN

SEAN D. DETWILER
ADAM M. GOODMAN
CYNTHIA L. KANIK, Ph.D.
MEGAN E. WILLIAMS, Ph.D.
RICHA NAND

SENIOR COUNSEL
JAMES E. COCKFIELD

OF COUNSEL
JEREMIAH LYNCH
WILLIAM A. SCOFIELD, JR.
PETER C. LAURO *
DeANN FORAN SMITH**

PATENT AGENTS
PETER S. STECHER

1616
TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS
MARIA LACCOTRIPE ZACHARAKIS, Ph.D.***
CYNTHIA M. SOROOS
PETER W. DINI, Ph.D.
EUIHOON LEE
LISA M. DiROCCO
JENNIFER K. ROSENFELD
JUDITH STONE-HULSLANDER, Ph.D.
ALLAN TAMESHTIT, Ph.D.
CATHERINE E. McPHERSON
ERIC F. WAGNER, Ph.D.
SHAHID HASAN, Ph.D.

* Admitted in NY only
** Admitted in MI only
*** Passed the Patent Bar Examination

February 26, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/297,652
Title: *SYNERGISTIC GOLD-CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS*
Applicant: Richard Edward Thomas
Filed: May 4, 1999
Accepted: July 8, 1999
Attorney Docket No.: MIJ-001US

RECEIVED
MAR 06 2001
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Amendment and Response (15 pages, including Appendix);
2. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate);
3. Check in the amount of \$445.00 (extension fee); and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:

February 26, 2001

Date

Jane E. Remillard, Esq., Reg. No. 38,872

Respectfully submitted,

LAHIVE & COCKFIELD

Jane E. Remillard, Esq.

Reg. No. 38,872

Attorney for Applicants

RKN/jac
Enclosures